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FARM COOPERATIVES INCREASE RAPIDLY

According to incomplete returns, 210,920 families, with 1,055,526 hectares of land, now belong to farm workers' cooperatives. These figures do not include families who joined old cooperatives in April.

Between 1 January and the middle of March, the number of farm workers' cooperatives in Yugoslavia doubled. On 20 March there were over 2,500 cooperatives, and by the end of March 3,046 farm workers' cooperatives had been registered. During the first months of 1949, about 2,000 new cooperatives were formed.

During the first 10 days of April, 300 cooperatives were founded. On 20 April the total reached 3,708 farm workers' cooperatives, and by the end of April, 4,197 had been registered in Yugoslavia. As many cooperatives were formed during April alone as had been founded by the end of 1948.

The following table shows the totals as of 30 April, according to republics:

Republic	No of Cooperatives	No of Families	No of Hectares
Serbia	1,496	114,463	608,721
Croatia	1,115	21,064	88,712
Slovenia	233	4,713	32,548
Bosnia and Herzegovina	427	13,604	58,621
Macedonia	712	47,475	251,304
Montenegro	214	9,601	15,620
Totals	4,197	210,920	1,055,526

These figures do not include changes in old cooperatives during April.

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In Serbia there were 1,149 cooperatives by 25 March. Fifteen days later there were 227 more, and 20 days later, another 121 had been formed. In Croatia 620 had been registered as of 20 March, and by the end of April the number had doubled. In Slovenia over 100 cooperatives were formed between 10 and 30 April, and about 100 were formed in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the same period. In Macedonia there were 353 cooperatives on 20 March, and 712 had been registered by the end of April, an increase of over 100 percent during 40 days. In Montenegro, the number of new cooperatives registered during this period was three times the number of existing cooperatives, a rise from 50 farm workers' cooperatives on 20 March to 214 by the end of April.

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